

MAINE'S LAKES & MOUNTAINS REGION

DIRECTIONS

From Route 4, turn onto South Shore Drive and proceed 5 miles to Park (on right).

From Route 17, turn onto South Shore Drive and continue 3 miles to Park (on left).



FEES

All fees are payable at the Park's entrance. See online information:

- Day Use & Boat Launches:
www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/DUfees.html
- Camping: www.campwithme.com
- Annual Individual & Vehicle Passes:
www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/parkpasses.html

CONTACTS

Rangeley Lake State Park HC 32 Box 5000 Rangeley, ME 04970-5000 In season: 207-864-3858	Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands State House Station 107 Augusta, Maine 04333 Off-season: 207-624-6080 www.parksandlands.com
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SERVICES & FACILITIES

- 50 single-party campsites and two group campsites
- Bathing facilities with hot showers
- Trailerable boat launch and finger docks
- Canoe rentals
- Picnic area, playground, swim beach, and ball field
- Trailer dumping station



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RANGELEY LAKE STATE PARK GUIDE & MAP



Lakeside camping in one of Maine's most famous outdoor destinations



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OVERVIEW

Rangeley Lake State Park encompasses 869 acres in the heart of Maine's Western Mountains. Visitors enjoy hiking, picnicking, camping, wildlife watching, photography, and winter sports, as well as the long-established traditions of fishing and hunting. The lake's cool, clear waters stretch nine miles and support world-famous populations of landlocked salmon and trout (sustained through a strong commitment to catch-and-release practices). Four wheeling and snowmobiling are popular pursuits in the Rangeley area (outside the park), with many trails available.

The campground at Rangeley Lake State Park has 50 well-spaced sites close to the lakeshore—where a beach offers commanding views of Saddleback Mountain. There's a picnic area, playground, and a trailerable boat launch with finger docks for both day visitors and campers.

Recreational Trails Program money helped fund this guide.

PROPERTY HISTORY

During the 1860s, word of the region's famed brook trout spread and "sports" began coming to fish—giving rise to new camps and guide services, and ultimately luxurious hotels serving wealthy vacationers. To take sports out on the lakes, guides developed a sleek and narrow rowing craft which came to be known as the Rangeley boat. The golden era of the "rusticators" lasted nearly a century, drawing to a close in the 1950s.

Over the past two decades, numerous organizations, agencies and individuals have worked collaboratively to ensure that large tracts of undeveloped natural lands in the area will remain accessible to the public and continue supporting the local economy through sustainable forest management. Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust was indispensable in the 2009 29-acre addition and the Land for Maine's Future Program funded the purchase. The notable conservation successes around the Rangeley Lakes help preserve the region's sporting traditions and provide visitors many beautiful natural settings to explore.

VISITOR RULES

- Park hours are 9 a.m. to sunset for day use in season: May 15 – Columbus Day.
- Please stay on trails to protect fragile ecosystems.
- Swim only in designated areas.
- Keep pets on leash (4 feet or less) at all times, do not leave pets unattended, and please clean up after them.
- Intoxicating beverages are not permitted.
- Camp only at established sites, many of which can be reserved in advance at www.campwithme.com.
- Recycling and trash disposal facilities are provided: do not use fire pits as trash receptacles.
- Observe wildlife from far enough away that they do not change their behavior: do not follow or feed animals.

WHEN TO VISIT

The Park is open and staffed from May 15–Columbus Day. In season day use hours are 9 a.m. to sunset. Advance camping reservations are recommended: contact the State Park Reservations Office (800-332-1501—in Maine, 207-624-9950 from outside Maine or online at www.campwithme.com).



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Lake water is cold and winds can arise suddenly and create dangerous conditions. Wear a PFD at all times, notify someone of your intended route and time of return, and monitor conditions carefully.
- All motorized boats using Maine’s inland waters must purchase and display a Lake and River Protection Sticker, which helps fund prevention and monitoring efforts for aquatic invasives.
- All those fishing (age 16 and above for Maine residents and age 12 and above for non-residents) must have a valid license and review the State’s open water fishing regulations (www.maine.gov/ifw/laws_rules/fishing/fishing.htm).
- Be prepared for black flies and mosquitoes, particularly in May and June. Check yourself for deer ticks daily to prevent Lyme disease.

TRAILS

The **Moose Corridor Trail** is a 0.7-mile forested hiking trail that runs from the park entrance to the contact station.

A 0.9-mile forested trail meanders near the lake. From the beach path, the trail runs southward to the boat launch at South Cove. To the north, the trail ends at the campground loop road.

For more information about hiking trails in the vicinity, contact Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust (www.rlht.org) at 207-864-7311.



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NEARBY DESTINATIONS

Rangeley Lake State Park lies in the Maine’s Lakes and Mountains Region that encompasses Franklin and Oxford Counties and represents the westernmost portion of Maine. Nearby points of interest include:

- **Mt. Blue State Park** draw visitors to camp, swim in Webb Lake, hike, mountain bike, and ride ATVs and horses.
- **Grafton Notch State Park/Mahoosucs Public Lands** offers hiking, picnicking and sightseeing (with numerous waterfalls and gorges) within 35,000 mountainous acres.
- **Height of Land**, a famous overlook on Route 17, provides a spectacular view of the region.
- **Bald Mountain** is close by and offers a scenic, 2-mile (roundtrip) hike through varied terrain to an open summit. An observation deck on a converted Forest Service fire tower provides a 360-degree view.
- **Coos Canyon**, a scenic gorge along the Swift River in Byron, provides an opportunity to pan for gold and swim.

